

down and began working with Opportunity Village in 1998. Jamie started in the Work Center where he assembled buckets for \$5 an hour. He moved on to become a part of the janitorial crew in the work center. Then he joined the American Nevada Enclave cleaning parking lots. Today, Jamie has proved to be a valuable member of his work team at Nellis AFB where he washes dishes, performs janitorial services, and busses tables. Jamie will proudly tell you the \$8.27 an hour he earns now helps to pay his mom's mortgage.

Paul was diagnosed a moderately mentally challenged adult and has a history of seizures. Despite all of the obstacles placed in his way, Paul continues to persevere. Beginning his career with Opportunity Village in August of 1999, Paul focused on production assembly. Quickly mastering the techniques necessary, Paul was promoted to room attendant. Then he moved to a position cleaning at the American Nevada Enclave parking lot. Now, Paul is also a mess attendant at Nellis AFB. Paul proudly calls himself a "team player."

While the accomplishments of Eddie, Jamie, Paul, and all of Opportunity Village's clients are inspiring, the benefits to our community are not just emotional. Employment generated through Opportunity Village contracts helps to reduce dependence on Government benefits and increases tax revenues. Individuals with severe disabilities are paid wages that reduce their need for other Government benefits. Earning wages allows them to become productive members of society and to join the ranks of the taxpayers of Nevada. Economic studies show that since its inception 50 years ago, Opportunity Village has saved Nevada taxpayers almost \$1 billion.

I mentioned earlier that Opportunity Village receives vital support from business partners in reaching its goals. The other two essential elements to the success of Opportunity Village are its leadership and the contributions of the Las Vegas community.

Year after year, Opportunity Village is named by Las Vegas residents as their favorite charity. Las Vegans of all ages look forward to the yearly Magical Forest fundraising event as well as many other Opportunity Village programs. From world-renowned entertainers to local celebrities to area children to Las Vegas businesses, southern Nevadans continue to understand the importance of Opportunity Village's mission and fully support the 100 percent local organization.

And at the helm of Opportunity Village is a man whose vision and dedication has made it possible to serve more than 600 disabled workers every day. Opportunity Village Executive Director Ed Guthrie has proven to be a tireless advocate for individuals with disabilities and a true friend to the disabled community. I have had the pleasure of working with him on many projects, and I know how committed he

is to the continued success of Opportunity Village.

Today, we look back on the last half century with heartfelt gratitude for those local families who, in 1954, decided that their loved ones with disabilities deserved more. They planted the seed that has been nurtured and cared for by their extended family of Las Vegans. Today, families of disabled individuals proudly see their loved ones—who 50 years ago would not have had an opportunity—gain self esteem and achieve things once not thought possible. With Opportunity Village's continued strong leadership, business partners, and community support, the next 50 years will bring opportunity and optimism to future generations of intellectually disabled individuals.●

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK VEST

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, Chuck Vest will soon end his distinguished 14-year tenure as President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been an excellent leader for this outstanding institution in our State. He has attracted and retained a world class faculty, including Nobel Prize winners. He has maintained an impressive balance between consistency and change to meet the changing needs of the university in the modern high-tech world. And has developed the research capacity of the institution far beyond its abilities when he took the helm.

His commitment to diversity has also been impressive. In 1990, the undergraduate student body was 34 percent women and 14 percent underrepresented minorities; today the student body is 42 percent women and 20 percent underrepresented minorities—the result of a conscientious effort by President Vest and the community he cared so much about.

His leadership was marked by many innovative reforms. He decided to publish all course material online, so that it is freely available to anyone in the world. He brought the unequal treatment of senior female faculty to the attention of the community and held an open dialogue on how to correct the situation. He offered health benefits to same-sex partners. His leadership on financial aid methodologies laid the groundwork for the provisions that are now part of the Higher Education Act.

Chuck has worked skillfully as well to obtain increased support for scientific research—especially in the physical sciences—and he was a familiar figure in corporate boardrooms and to many of us in Congress. His cooperative work with Lincoln Labs, with Harvard and with the Broad Foundation and his commitment to the Cambridge and Boston Public Schools are important parts of all he has brought to MIT. When he was named in February to the President's Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, he said, "I will concentrate on two priorities, MIT and the Commission."●

There is so much to be said about Chuck Vest—his intelligence, his appealing personality, his modesty about his own high accomplishments, and his tireless pursuit of excellence in everything he does. All of us who know him wish him well in the years ahead, confident that we will continue to think and act boldly about the role of science and scientific education in our changing world and its fundamental importance to the future of our Nation and its best ideals.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 103. An act for the relief of Lindita Idrizi Heath.

The message also announced that the house passed the following bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 530. An act for the relief of Tanya Andreea Goudeau.

H.R. 712. An act for the relief of Richi James Lesley.

H.R. 867. An act for the relief of Durreshahwar Durreshahwar, Nida Hasan, Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan.

H.R. 2121. An act to amend the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Act of 1990 to authorize additional appropriations for the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3340. An act to redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "James E. Worsham Post Office" and the "James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building", respectively, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3247. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the "Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office".

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which is requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H. Con. Res. 257. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery.

H. Con. Res. 410. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and recognizing the Marshall Islands as a staunch ally of the United States, committed to principles of democracy and freedom for the Pacific region and throughout the world.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 530. An act for the relief of Tanya Andreea Goudeau; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 712. An act for the relief of Richi James Lesley; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 867. An act for the relief of Durreshahwar Durreshahwar Nida Hasan,

Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2121. An act to amend the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Act of 1990 to authorize additional appropriations for the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3340. An act to redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "James E. Worsham Post Office" and the "James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building", respectively, and for the other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4327. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7450 Natural Bridge Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Vittas 'Veto' Reid Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4427. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the "Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 257. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 410. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and recognizing the Marshall Islands as a staunch ally of the United States, committed to principles of democracy and freedom for the Pacific region and throughout the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

S.J. Res. 40. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8259. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Office of Pesticide Programs Address Changes" (FRL#7368-4) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8260. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propoxy-carbozone-sodium; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7365-7) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8261. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus NRRL 21882; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7364-2) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8262. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "C8, C10, and C12 Straight-Chain Fatty Acid Monoesters of Glycerol and Proylene Glycol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7352-6) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8263. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lactic Acid, n-propyl ester, (S); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7362-3) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8264. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan; et al.; Revision of Current Procedures for Handlers to Receive Exempt Use/Diversion Credit for New and New Market Development Activities" received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8265. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Pacific Northwest Marketing Area—Final Order" (Doc. No. DA-01-06) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8266. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Mideast Marketing Area—Final Order" (Doc. No. DA-01-04) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8267. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of User Fees for 2004 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" (RIN0591-AC34) received on July 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8268. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act relative to transactions in the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Insurance Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8269. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 04-03, relative to funds for the purchase of Santa Claus suits and hats at the Yongsan Army Garrison, Seoul, Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8270. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 04-04, relative to the purchase of an information system at the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Maryland; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8271. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 03-03, relative to FY 2000 Operation and Maintenance Funds; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8272. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller,

Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 02-06, relative to the fiscal years 1996 through 1998 Operation and Maintenance, Navy appropriation funds used by the Administrative Support Unit, Southwest Asia, Bahrain; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8273. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Multiyear Procurement Authority for Environmental Services for Military Installations" (DFARS Case 2003-D004) received on June 25, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8274. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Berry Amendment Changes" (DFARS Case 2003-D099) received on June 25, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8275. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the approval to wear the insignia of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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EC-8280. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the approval to wear the insignia of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8281. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the approval to wear the insignia of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8282. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the approval to wear the insignia of vice admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8283. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the approval to wear the insignia of vice admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8284. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness,